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SUBJECT: TURKISH/CYPRIOT STATEMENT ON CYPRUS

1. TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE NAIL ATALAY
GAVE US TEXT OF TURKISH CYPRIOT (DENKTASH) STATEMENT
SUMMARIZING TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION ON INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS. ATALAY TOLD US THAT HE WAS IN PROCESS OF
DISTRIBUTING COPIES OF STATEMENT TO CORRESPONDENTS
AND WOULD DELIVER COPIES TO ALL U.S. SENATORS AND
CONGRESSMEN ON MAY 23.

2. TEXT OF STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: I HAD A DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION OF
CYPRUS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, H.E. DR. KURT
WALDHEIM.

THIS MEETING GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECONFIRM
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IN DETAIL THE POSITION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT
COMMUNITY REGARDING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

THIS POSITION CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY BELIEVES THAT
SUSTAINED INTENSIVE GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE

GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A JUST, LASTING AND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED ANY LONGER. WITH THIS GOAL IN MIND, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, DR. KURT WALDHEIM, ON APRIL 13, 1978 A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSALS THAT THE TURKISH SIDE IS PREPARED TO PUT ON THE TABLE ONCE THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE RECONVENED. THESE PROPOSALS, IT HAS BEEN STRESSED TO REPRESENT A NEGOTIATING POSITION THAT CAN PROVIDE AS STARTING POINT FOR DISCUSSIONS. THE TURKISH SIDE HAD MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, DR. KURT WALDHEIM, TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH AN OPEN MIND AND IN A SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION AND FLEXIBILITY.

THE TURKISH SIDE IS PREPARED, IN SHORT, FOR A GENUINE AND PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUE. IT IS THE BELIEF OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY THAT INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RESUMED.

THE GREEK SIDE WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE BY REFRAINING FROM NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ATTITUDE IS SO CONCILIATORY.

IT IS THE TURKISH CYPRIOT BELIEF THAT THE GUIDELINES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREED UPON BY ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND MYSELF AT OUR MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1977 CONSTITUTE THE ESSENTIAL FRAMEWORK FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, ACCORDING TO WHICH CYPRUS MUST BE A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED, BI-COMMUNAL AND BI-ZONAL FEDERAL STATE.

THE FEDERAL STRUCTURE SHOULD INCORPORATE, AS INDICATED IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS OF THE TURKISH SIDE, A JOINT CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BODIES AS WELL AS SUCH FUNCTIONS AS FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EXTERNAL DEFENCE, BANKING FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND MONETARY AFFAIRS, FEDERAL BUDGET, CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TARIFFS, EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS, FEDERAL HEALTH SERVICES, TOURISM AND INFORMATION ETC.

IN ADDITION TO SUCH FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS, THE CONSTITUTION MUST ALSO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY SAFEGUARDS FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL CYPRIOTS WITHOUT INFRINGING UPON THE BI-ZONAL AND BE-COMMUNAL CHARACTER OF THE FEDERAL STATE ENVISAGED.

THE TURKISH SIDE IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER

SIGNIFICANT GEOGRAPHICAL RE-ADJUSTMENTS IN THE LIGHT
OF ITS ECONOMIC VIABILITY AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS
WHICH WOULD ENABLE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF GREEK
CYPRIOTS TO RESETTLE.

IT HAS BEEN THE LONGSTANDING POSITION OF THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT THAT UPON CONCLUSION OF THE CYPRUS SETTLEMENT
ALL TURKISH MILITARY FORCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE
ISLAND, EXCEPT THOSE WHOSE CONTINUED PRESENCE WILL BE

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AUTHORIZED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT. THIS
POSITION IS HEREBY REAFFIRMED SINCE 1975. THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY WITHDRAWN SOME 16,000 TROOPS
FROM CYPRUS AND IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS
PREPARED TO MAKE FURTHER SUCH REDUCTIONS AS THE INTER-
COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS.

AS FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF THE FORTHCOMING APPROACH
OF THE TURKISH SIDE I ANNOUNCE THAT IT IS THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT POSITION THAT AS NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS, GREEK
CYPRIOT INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF VAROSHA MAY
COMMENCE RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES. WE
BELIEVE THAT APPROXIMATELY 30,000 - 35,000 GREEK
CYPRIOTS CAN EVENTUALLY BE ACCOMODATED IN VAROSHA
UNDER ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD MEET THE LEGITIMATE
SECURITY CONCERNS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT AND THE GREEK

CYPRIOI COMMUNITIES. AS FAR AS THE LONG TERM STATUS OF VAROSHA IS CONCERNED THE TURKISH CYPRIOI SIDE IS FULLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE FORMULAE ONCE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE RESUMED. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN STRESSED THAT THE FUTURE POLITICAL FRAMEWORK OF VAROSHA IS OPEN TO NEGOTIATIONS. ALL THESE ARE ENVISAGED IN THE TURKISH CYPRIOI PROPOSALS AND EXPLAINED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, DR. KURT WALDHEIM, ON APRIL 13, 1978.

THESE PROPOSALS ALSO INDICATE THAT THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT SHALL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED THROUGH PROGRESSIVE STAGES TO BE AGREED UPON BY BOTH SIDES IN A WAY THAT WILL ENSURE SECURITY AND THE FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT WILL BE ENLARGED IN TIME IN A WAY THAT WOULD INCREASE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONAL COMMUNITIES WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PRESERVE THE BASIC BI-ZONAL AND BI-COMMUNAL CHARACTER OF THE FEDERAL STATE.

THE TURKISH CYPRIOI SIDE IS ALSO EAGER TO DISCUSS WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOI SIDE OTHER PRACTICAL STEPS TO HEAL THE WOUNDS OF THE PAST. DISCUSSIONS COULD BE INITIATED UNDER U.N. AUSPICES ON REOPENING NICOSIA AIRPORT FOR CIVILIAN TRAFFIC PROVIDING ALSO FOR INITIAL UNITED NATIONS USE.

IT WOULD ALSO BE PRODUCTIVE TO DISCUSS IMMEDIATE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN THE ECONOMIC AREAS SUCH AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE TO BRING WATER FROM TURKEY TO CYPRUS FOR USE BY BOTH COMMUNITIES.

IT IS THE TURKISH CYPRIOI VIEW THAT THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND ON RELATED ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE DEPENDENT ON EXTRANEIOUS FACTORS BUT SHOULD COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY. THE TURKISH CYPRIOI COMMUNITY STANDS READY TO MEET AT ANYTIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOI COMMUNITY TO WORK IN GOOD FAITH TO REACH A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

I UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH MR. KYPRIANOU AND MYSELF WILL BE IN THE U.S.A. FOR SOMETIME. IT WILL BE MUCH BETTER IF INSTEAD OF WORKING WITH CROSS PURPOSES, WE WOULD COME

TOGETHER IN A SEARCH OF A SOLUTION TO THE BENEFIT
OF BOTH COMMUNITIES.

I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT I SAID TO THE PRESS ON
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1978. I AM READY TO MEET MR. KYPRIANOU,
ANYWHERE, ANYTIME AND TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH HIM
EVEN WITHOUT ANY AGENDA. END TEXT. YOUNG

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